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Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE fourth ordinary meeting of the session was held at Bath on February 26th. There were present Dr. E. J. CAVE, President, in the chair, and thirty-six members and visitors.

New Members.—The following candidates were elected members of the Association: Mr. H. E. B. Dickson (Bath), Mr. H. P. Costobadie (Midsomer Norton), Dr. A. Lewthwaite (Winsley), Mr. T. A. Collinson (Bristol), Dr. C. B. Goulden (Bristol), Dr. G. F. C. Wallis (Bristol), and Dr. J. D. Thomas (Winterbourne).

Discussion.—A discussion on fever of uncertain origin was opened by Dr. G. NEWTON PITT, and continued by Dr. WILSON SMITH, Dr. J. ODERY SYMES, Dr. MICHELL CLARKE, Dr. NEILD, Dr. CHARLES, Dr. WATERHOUSE, Dr. RATTRAY, Dr. EVERY-CLAYTON, Dr KENNEDY, Dr. THOMSON, and the PRESIDENT; Dr. NEWTON PITT replied.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:

MANCHESTER (NORTH) DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at Monsall Hospital, Newton Heath, by the invitation of Dr. Gordon, the Superintendent, on Thursday, February 27th, Dr. HARGREAVES in the chair. Dr. Gordon kindly entertained the members to tea before the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Discussion.—Dr. GORDON then opened a discussion on The Functions of a Modern Isolation Hospital, drawing attention to the following points: (1) The number of diphtheria cases sent to hospital without antitoxin having been given. It was mentioned that antitoxin could always be obtained free at the hospital, and could in its concentrated form be used with an ordinary hypodermic syringe; also its harmlessness, and the advisability, or practically the duty, of using it in every doubtful case, were emphasized. (2) The great assistance it would be to the hospital staff if a short account of the previous history could be sent with cases. (3) The number of moribund cases sent into hospital, which damaged its reputation with the public, and possibly prevented other more suitable cases being sent in. (4) The advisability of letting practitioners know when any operation affecting their cases was to occur, and inviting their presence. (5) The fact the hospital staff would at any time welcome members of the profession to visit the hospital to see their cases, or in the way of friendly intercourse. A full discussion followed, in which some difficulties attending the early use of antitoxin were mentioned. The late stage at which cases were often brought to the medical attendant, the difficulty of diagnosis in many cases, and the trouble of getting the antitoxin in time, all tend to make the medical attendant trust to rapid removal to hospital. It was pointed out that antitoxin could now be obtained free from (1) the Manchester Town Hall, (2) Monsall Hospital, (3) by application at a police station. It was suggested that the detective department should have a supply that would be available at any time, night or day; also that a supply might be kept at the local town halls, or even at all the police stations. The Secretary was instructed to forward these suggestions to Dr. Niven, M.O.H. for Manchester, for his consideration. Dr. GORDON kindly promised to give his suggestion of notifying operations for practitioners a trial.

Vote of Thanks.—A hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Gordon and the staff for their hospitality and valuable suggestions was proposed by Dr. HARGREAVES, seconded by Dr. SKINNER, and accorded with enthusiasm.

Visit to Hospital.—The members present were shown round the operating theatre and puerperal fever ward; some interesting cases were shown and explained, and a visit paid to the pathological laboratory terminated a most pleasant and instructive meeting.

SOUTHPORT DIVISION.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—A meeting of this Division was held on February 14th at the Temperance Institute to consider the question of the medical inspection of school children. The matter was fully discussed, but as only eight members were present the meeting was adjourned until February 21st in order to obtain a larger attendance and a more authoritative expression of opinion.

At the adjourned meeting on February 21st there were present: Dr. ANDERSON (in the chair), Drs. Ashworth, Baildon, Woolmer, Davies, Corkhill, Dall, Hare, Holt, Littler, Maccall, Martin, A. W. Popert, Pridie, Roberts, Russel, Schofield, Sykes, Storrs, Wilshaw, and Harris; Dr. Weaver, M.O.H., attended by invitation. Apologies for non attendance were received from Drs. Walker, Campbell, and Voigt. After considerable discussion, in which the general and local conditions were fully considered, those of Southport as a county borough, and of Birkdale, Freshfield, Formby, and other localities in the Division as portions of the area administered by the Lancashire County Council, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

That in Southport it is desired that the whole-time medical officer should be appointed as assistant to the medical officer of health.

That the remuneration should be at a rate not lower than half a crown per examination of each child, which, on a

basis of 2,400 examinations a year, would be a salary of £300 per annum.

That all cases requiring treatment should be referred to the family medical attendant.

Respecting the county area outside the borough, it was unanimously resolved:

That this Division would approve of a whole-time medical officer being appointed for the county, with submedical officers for localities, who should, as far as possible, be whole-time officers.

That the remuneration should be at a rate not lower than half a crown per examination for each child.

That all cases requiring treatment should be referred to the family medical attendant.

That parents should not be encouraged to have the medical examination forms filled up by their own medical attendant at their own expense.

That where local practitioners are appointed as part-time officers the appointments should, as in other cases, be advertised, so that all practitioners wishing for the appointments may have the opportunity of applying.

It was further resolved:

That these resolutions be communicated respectively to the Secretary of the Education Committee of the Southport Corporation, and to the Chairman of the Education Committee of the Lancashire County Council.

That Dr. Anderson (President) and Dr. Harris (Secretary) be authorized to interview the authorities if called upon.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

KENSINGTON DIVISION.

A MEETING was held at the Kensington Town Hall on Thursday, February 27th, at 4.45 p.m., Dr. A. J. RICE OXLEY in the chair.

The Referendum.—After Dr. GEORGE EASTES had made some remarks on the position of the Council with regard to the Referendum, Dr. CRICHTON moved that:

This meeting declines to vote upon the Referendum.

He urged the advantages of a round-table conference, so as to place before the Divisions a form of Charter capable of receiving the approval of the whole Association. This amendment being lost, a vote was taken on each minute of the Representative Meeting, with the following result:

Minute	123	rejected by	9	votes to	3.
,,	283	,,	9	,,	1.
,,	287	,,	8	,,	2.
,,	293	,,	11	,,	3.
,,	298	,,	10	,,	2.
,,	299	,,	9	,,	1.
,,	303 not voted upon.				
,,	328 rejected by 11 votes to 0.				
,,	330	,,	7	,,	1.
Minutes 342 and 346 rejected by 12 votes to 0.					

Medical Inspection of School Children.—The Memorandum of Metropolitan Counties Branch Council on the medical inspection of school children was discussed, and the Secretary was instructed to send certain replies to the Branch Secretary. Dr. CRICHTON explained certain points in the Memorandum of the Branch on the situation created by the Workmen's Compensation Acts. It was agreed that sufficient time had not been allowed for the consideration of the questions asked, and it was decided to postpone the matter until a later meeting.

LAMBETH DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting of the Lambeth Division was held on Thursday, February 27th, in the Governors' Court-room at Guy's Hospital, at 4 p.m. Dr. MAURICE CRAIG occupied the chair, and 34 members and visitors were present.

Notification of Births Act.—It was announced that as the result of a deputation from the Division which was received at the Town Hall, Camberwell, in January last, it had finally been decided by the Camberwell authorities not to adopt the Notification of Births Act in Camberwell. It was also announced that although the Act had been recommended for adoption by the authorities in Lambeth and in Southwark, the recommendation had not yet received the sanction of the Local Government Board; that a letter urging reconsideration by the Lambeth Council of its recommendation in favour of the adoption of the Act had been received by the Town Clerk from the Division, and had been promised full consideration; and that similar action was being taken by the Division in regard to Southwark.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—The following replies were made by the Lambeth Division to the series of questions (vide SUPPLEMENT of January 25th, p. 26) submitted to the Divisions by the Branch:

A. Yes.

B. That the duty of home inspection be carried out by the usual family attendant when required by the local authority; but if it is desired by the local authority that one of their inspectors should visit and report on any matter regarding any home, this inspection shall only take place in conjunction with the usual medical attendant, who should receive a suitable fee for such a consultation.

C. That the fee to the usual medical attendant, if acting and reporting alone, should be not less than 5s. per visit, but in the event of a consultation taking place with an inspector the fee should be 10s. 6d.

D. 5 (*b*). That all general practitioners be eligible for election, and that they be subject to re-election every three years.

E. 6 (*c*). If the suggestion made in Section B be accepted, then the answer is "it is not undesirable."

F. No.

G. Yes, if strictly carried out.

H. This should be left to the individual inspector.

I. Entered in a register; and wherever possible an official report should be sent to the patient's medical attendant.

J. No.

K. By every person applying for hospital treatment bringing to the hospital a certificate signed by a medical man stating that the case in question is suitable for hospital treatment, and that he is unable to pay.

L. Yes.

M. Yes.

N. A fixed period of three years and re-election.

Proposed Provident Dispensary in Bermondsey.—Correspondence from the Medical Secretary was read regarding a proposal of the Charity Organization Society to institute a Provident Dispensary in Bermondsey. The Lambeth Division expressed no opinion as to whether or not it was in favour of such dispensary, but it unanimously agreed that if such a dispensary were instituted it should at least be strictly upon the lines of Memorandum C *re* Contract Medical Practice. Further, the Lambeth Division expressed the opinion that the Norwood Division, in which Rotherhithe lay, should be fully consulted in the matter; and the meeting elected four representatives—Dr. Jaynes, Dr. Capes, Dr. Peers, and Dr. French—with authority to meet representatives of the Norwood Division, of the Central Office, and of the Charity Organization Society, in order to ensure that the Lambeth Division should be kept fully informed of all action that might be taken by the Charity Organization Society in regard to the said proposal of instituting a Provident Dispensary in Bermondsey.

Exhibits and Demonstration.—Dr. A. N. LEEMING gave a short address upon Calmette's tuberculo-ophthalmic reaction, illustrating it by cases of positive reaction. Dr. G. N. NICHOLSON demonstrated microscopical preparations of tapeworm ova from the faeces. Dr. H. C. MANN exhibited some pathological specimens of special interest. The meeting then adjourned.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH.

A MEETING of the Branch was held at the General Infirmary, Worcester, on February 20th, the PRESIDENT, Dr. C. H. EAST (Malvern) in the chair.

Paper.—Professor GILBERT BARLING read a paper entitled Prostatic Enlargement, illustrated by lantern slides, and an interesting series of histological specimens, with remarks on the selection of cases for operation, and the final results. The paper was discussed by Mr. BATES and Dr. CROWE, and a cordial vote of thanks was given to Professor Barling for his eminently practical and instructive paper.

Ethical Committee.—On the motion of the PRESIDENT, the Branch unanimously adopted the recommendation of the Council to form an Ethical Committee of the Branch distinct from the Branch Council, and agreed to the mode suggested for its constitution.

Proposed Malvern Division—The application of the Medical Society of Malvern to form a separate Division was deferred for twelve months by a mutual arrangement come to with the Worcester Division.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

MEMORANDUM

Submitted by the Metropolitan Counties Branch Council to the Divisions of the Branch on the Situation Created by the Workmen's Compensation Acts.

THE Metropolitan Counties Branch Council passed on November 14th last the following resolution:

That it be referred to the Medical Charities Committee to investigate and report as to what steps should be taken by the Branch Council either in conjunction with (1) the Divisions, (2) the Medical Staffs of Hospitals, or otherwise, in order to deal with the question of Hospital Treatment of Accidents in its relation to Workmen's Compensation Acts, so as to prevent—

(*a*) Imposition on the staffs and funds of hospitals,
(*b*) Further pauperizing of the well-to-do laity,
(*c*) Loss of fees to medical profession, and
(*d*) The transference of liability incurred by insurance companies owing to the present lax system of hospital relief.

Acting on this resolution, the Medical Charities Committee desire to be fortified by the expressed opinions of the Divisions of the Branch before they present their report to the Branch Council, and append hereto a short explanatory memorandum, together with questions which the Divisions are requested to answer as fully as possible and report the result to their Hon. Secretary, Atwood Thorne, 148, Harley Street, W., before March 14th next.

February 10th, 1908.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM.

The Acts of Parliament dealing with compensation which might affect the medical profession have been:

(1) Acts giving right of Action at Common Law.
(2) The Employers' Liability Acts, 1880, 1893.
(3) The Workmen's Compensation Acts of 1897, 1900, and 1906.

1. The last of these Acts, from the extension of its benefits to nearly every kind of employment, especially calls for the attention of the medical profession.

The pecuniary disabilities resulting from accidental injuries and industrial diseases affecting workmen are by these Acts transferred to their employers, and, by the increasing use of the system of insurance, the responsibility is transferred from the employers to insurance companies. As a result a considerable proportion of persons meeting with accidents, whether they be employés legally entitled to compensation or independent individuals, are at the present time covered by insurance.

2. There are some points with regard to compensation in the Act of 1906 which it is important to keep in view.

(1) No compensation is payable if the incapacity lasts less than a week. If it lasts more than a week but less than two weeks, no compensation is payable in respect of the first week, but if it lasts a fortnight or more, compensation is payable from the date of the accident.

(2) In cases of death, the award may reach £300.

(3) The only payment for medical attendance specifically provided for in the Act is when the patient dies as a result of the accident, and in this case the County Court decides on the amount, which, combined with the expenses of the funeral, may not exceed £10.

(4) The compensation which is strictly limited in the Workmen's Compensation Act of 1906 is very considerable under the Employers' Liability Act, and almost unlimited in action at common law.

3. The continuance of the gratuitous treatment of disabling injury and industrial disease affecting wage-earners, hitherto provided by means of Hospitals and other Medical Charities, will permanently maintain a heavy burden on the medical profession.

4. Such continuance of charitable treatment would be financially advantageous only to the employers liable to pay compensation, or to Insurance Companies, and would tend to diminish self-reliance among workmen and others who may be injured or may suffer from industrial diseases.

5. By concerted and uniform action on the part of all branches of the profession, medical interests can be safeguarded without bearing unfairly on any party concerned.

6. In a certain number of cases, persons who, as the result of serious accidents, are admitted to the wards of hospitals, are from private sources or become, as a result of compensation, able to pay normal fees for medical attendance and nursing. But for the suddenness of the injury and the proximity of the hospital, such a patient would have been treated in his own residence or in a private Nursing Home. In these cases, both in the interest of the hospitals and of private practitioners, some reform is urgently needed.

7. Some of the Insurance Companies are issuing policies to employers of domestic servants, providing not only for the payment of part wages during disablement, but also for reimbursement of limited expenditure on medical attendance, and an extension of this system appears to the Medical Charities Committee to be desirable.

8. Although the employer and the insurance company are in most cases not responsible for the costs of medical attendance on accidents to workmen, they are nevertheless mainly dependent on the medical profession for the information as to the character of the disablement, without which the amount of compensation cannot be justly calculated.

9. Some of the insurance companies endeavour to obtain from the hospitals the information referred to gratuitously, and if any fee is claimed, they suggest that the injured workman should pay for the certificate.

QUESTIONS.

I. Are you opposed to the continuance of the treatment in Hospitals and other Medical Charities of Disabling Injury and Industrial Disease affecting those who are entitled to substantial compensation?

II. Would you please reply to the following questions with regard to such persons applying for treatment to Hospitals?

A. *Casualty and Out-Patients.*

(1) Should the elimination of unsuitable cases after receiving first aid be secured by a Certificate by a *Local* Medical Practitioner that the case is suitable for Hospital treatment or

(2) Signed declaration presented at second attendance giving details of income, rent, dependents, and possible sources of compensation and asserting recognition that any misstatement is tantamount to obtaining charitable assistance by false pretences?

B. *In-Patients.*

(1) (*a*) Should the thorough investigation of the economic condition, and especially of the possibility of compensation, be secured in all accidents admitted? (*b*) Should the investigation be initiated by obtaining from relatives a signed declaration similar to A (1) and (2) above?

(2) Should patients whose surgical condition permits safe removal, and who are found to be suitable economically, be transferred:

(*a*) To their own homes?
(*b*) To private nursing institutions?
(*c*) To paying department in connexion with that or any other hospital where payment shall be made for professional treatment as well as for maintenance, and where the patient may be treated by his own medical attendant?

(3) In cases which are surgically unfit to be removed, what arrangements can be made for securing adequate payment?

C. *Reports and Certificates.*—Would you approve of the following suggestions?

(1) That nothing beyond a simple CERTIFICATE of the duration of a patient's attendance at the Hospital, in which no diagnosis or prognosis is included, be issued except by a qualified medical man who has actually taken part in the treatment of the case.

(2) That the CERTIFICATES of the nature of the ailment which are obviously to be used solely to obtain sick pay from clubs, be given by the medical man in attendance, with or without charge, at his discretion.

(3) That nothing of the character of a REPORT which might be used for the purpose of obtaining compensation should be given without a fee of at least one guinea. (This can always be obtained from Solicitors or Insurance Companies if insisted upon.)

III. Would you please express your opinion on the following questions which bear upon the foregoing subjects:

(1) Are you in favour of extending the present system of insurance of the cost of medical attendance upon domestic servants to other persons subject to compensation? and, if so, which of the following methods of regulating the cost would you prefer, namely, (*a*) a maximum allowance per case, according to the arrangement at present in vogue for servants; (*b*) a scale according to nature of injury; (*c*) a

scale for attendance varying with wages; or (*d*) a scale varying with the maximum sum assured?

(2) (*a*) Are members of clubs and of provident dispensaries in your district charged extra for injuries and diseases for which they may claim compensation; (*b*) are they charged for certificates and reports?

If the answer is in the negative, do you suggest a change?

(3) Should the medical practitioner selected by an injured workman be entitled to receive notice enabling him to attend any medical examination, to meet either the medical man appointed by the employer, or the medical referee? In case of death, should the friends of the deceased workman be medically represented at the *post mortem* examination?

IV Are there any other points to which you desire to draw attention?

Association Notices.

THE LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

Owing to the rebuilding of the Association premises in the Strand the Library is closed, but at the Temporary Offices of the Association, 6, Catherine Street, Strand (adjoining Drury Lane Theatre), a Reading and Writing Room is provided. The Room will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on Saturdays, when it will be closed at 2 p.m.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: ENGLISH DIVISION.—There will be a meeting of the Division at the County Hotel, Carlisle, on Friday afternoon, March 27th, when Sir James Barr will deliver an address entitled Some Observations on Bronchitis and Emphysema.—NORMAN MACLAREN, Honorary Secretary, 23, Portland Square, Carlisle.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: SCOTTISH DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held on Thursday, March 12th, in the Board Room, Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, at 3 p.m. Matters referred to Divisions will be considered. Members desirous of reading papers, showing cases, etc., should intimate same to the Secretary.—GEORGE R. LIVINGSTON, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.—A meeting of the Branch will be held at the University of Liverpool on Wednesday afternoon, March 18th. Business: Scientific and clinical communications.—F. CHARLES LARKIN, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ALTRINCHAM DIVISION.—A special meeting of this Division will be held at Altrincham on Wednesday, March 18th, at 5 p.m.—T. W. H. GARSTANG, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: LEIGH DIVISION.—A meeting of the members of the above Division will be held on Thursday, March 19th, at 8 30 p.m., at Co-operative Rooms, Ellesmere Street. Agenda: Consideration of insurance policies.—J. SACKVILLE MARTIN, M.D., Honorary Secretary of the Division.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LAMBETH DIVISION.—The next general meeting of the Lambeth Division will be held on Thursday, March 26th, in the Evelina Hospital for Sick Children, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E., at 4 p.m. C. H. Fagge, Esq., M.S. Lond., F.R.C.S. will read a paper upon The Pathology and Treatment of Hernia in Children. Cases will be exhibited. There will also be important business to transact in connexion with matters referred to the Divisions by the Branch Council.—HERBERT FRENCH, Honorary Secretary, Lambeth Division.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: RICHMOND DIVISION.—Meetings of this Division will be held on Wednesday, March 11th, at 8 30, at the Sun Hotel, Kingston, when Dr. R. W. Wilson will read a paper entitled, Remarks on Intestinal Sepsis and its Treatment; and on Wednesday, April 8th, at 8 30, at the Royal Hospital, Richmond, when Mr. W. T. Lister, B.A., F.R.C.S., will present a communication on Glaucoma and Iritis, with lantern illustrations and cases. On Wednesday, May 13th, the annual meeting and dinner will be held at 6 30 at the Sun Hotel, Kingston. In order to add to the interest and clinical character of these meetings, members are asked to show cases or report on them at any of the meetings with or without notice.—CHARLES BLAIR, F.R.C.S., Matson Lodge, Richmond, A. E. EVANS, D.P.H., Eastcroft, Kingston Hill, Honorary Secretaries.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WALTHAMSTOW DIVISION.—The next meeting of this Division will be held at the Walthamstow Hospital on Tuesday, March 10th, at 4 p.m., and will be a conjoint meeting of this and the City Division. Agenda: Paper by Dr. Lauriston Shaw: Some puzzling Physical Signs in Healthy and Diseased Lungs. At the conclusion of this meeting the members of the Walthamstow Division will meet separately to transact the following business: Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Letter received from Hampstead Division. (3) To discuss Memorandum on The Situation created by Workmen's Compensation Act, issued by Metropolitan Counties Branch to the Division.—A. POTTINGER ELDRED, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WESTMINSTER DIVISION.—The next ordinary meeting of the Division will be held on Thursday, March 19th (not on February 20th as previously announced), at 5 p.m., at St. James's Vestry Hall, Piccadilly (First Floor). Special business: The question of medical inspection of school children.—HARVEY HILLIARD, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH WALES BRANCH: NORTH CARNARVONSHIRE AND ANGLESEY DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held at the British Hotel, Bangor, on Tuesday, March 10th, at 2 45 p.m. Agenda: (1) To read the minutes of the meeting of the Division held at Bangor on October 8th, 1907. (2) Dr. Grey Edwards, Bangor, will demonstrate Ivar Bang's quantitative test for glycosuria, and will read a short note on the treatment of diabetes. (3) R. H. Mills-Roberts, C.M.G., F.R.C.S.E., Llanberis, will read a paper on Some Cases of Head Injury. (4) C. T. Matthews, M.B., Ch.B., Colwyn Bay, will read notes upon (*a*) Recent Experiences of the Use of Theocin Sodium Acetate; (*b*) Bier's Treatment by Passive Congestion in Acute Septic Conditions. (5) To consider whether any action should be taken by the Division with a view to the suppression of medical practice, within the area of the Division, by unqualified persons. (6) To consider and report upon, if necessary, the following matters referred to the Division: (*a*) Medical Inspection of School Children (vide SUPPLEMENT to BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, December 21st, 1907, and February 8th, 1908); (*b*) Notification of Births Act, 1907 (vide BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, November 2nd, 1907); (*c*) Report on Life Insurance Examinations (vide BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, SUPPLEMENT, February 22nd, 1908). (*d*) Report on Prevention of Corruption Act (vide SUPPLEMENT, February 22nd, 1908). (*e*) Report of United Kingdom Hospitals Conference (vide SUPPLEMENT, February 22nd, 1908). (7) To read a letter with reference to The Training of School Teachers in Hygiene.—JOHN EVANS, Honorary Secretary, Carnarvon.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: HAMPSHIRE DIVISIONS.—A meeting of the members of the Hampshire Divisions will be held at the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital, Southampton, on Friday, March 13th, at 4 p.m., to elect a member on the Board of Governors of the Hartley University College, Southampton.—G. H. COWEN, 4, College Terrace, Southampton, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH: CANTERBURY AND FAVERSHAM DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held at the Town Hall, Sittingbourne, on Wednesday, March 25th, at 3 p.m. Dr. R. M. Boodle will preside. A lecture will be given with lantern demonstrations by Wm. McAdam Eccles, M.S., F.R.C.S., on The Treatment of Inguinal Hernia by Trusses. All medical men are invited to attend.—T. BARRETT HEGGS, Honorary Secretary, Sittingbourne.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at the General Infirmary, Leeds, on Wednesday, March 18th, at 4.15 p.m. Members intending to read papers, show specimens or cases, or propose new members, are requested to communicate at once with Dr. ADOLPH BRONNER, 33, Manor Row, Bradford, Honorary Secretary.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: BRADFORD DIVISION.—An ordinary general meeting of this Division will be held at the Great Northern Victoria Hotel, Bradford, on Tuesday, March 10th. The following amongst other questions will be considered: (1) Report of the Special Committee appointed by the Division to consider the question of the medical inspection of school children, especially as it affects Bradford. (2) The payment to Poor-law medical officers of fees for evidence in the coroner's court on persons dying in the workhouse. (3) Report as to proposed definition of the term "hospital" (Central Ethical Committee). (4) Report on Life Insurance Examinations (Medico-Political Committee). (5) Report on Prevention of Corruption Act (Central Ethical Committee). For information regarding the three latter reports see the SUPPLEMENT for February 22nd, 1908. As the questions to be considered are of the greatest importance to the medical profession, it is hoped that a large attendance of members will take place.—JAMES METCALFE, Frizinghall, Bradford, and J. WHERRY WILLSON, Barkerend Road, Bradford, Honorary Secretaries.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

SURGEONS R. W. G. STEWART, M.B, W. P. WALKER, M.B., J. G. WALLIS, M.B., H. R H. DENNY, R. R. FASSON, M.B., J. R. MUIR, M.B., J. O'HEA, J. ST. J MURPHY, A. F. FRASER, M.B., and G. M. EASTMENT are promoted to be staff Surgeons, February 26th. Their first commissions bear date February 26th, 1900.

Fleet Surgeon W. BOWDEN, D.S.O., has been placed on the retired list at his own request, with the rank of Deputy Inspector-General, February 27th. He was appointed Surgeon, February 28th, 1887, and became Fleet Surgeon, February 28th, 1902 Whilst Surgeon of the *Raleigh* he served in the Naval Brigade at Bathurst, on the river Gambia, West Coast of Africa, in February, 1894, in co-operation with two companies of the 1st West India Regiment, for the punishment of Fodi Silah, a rebellious slave-raiding chief; was in medical charge of the Royal Marines, volunteered to take charge of the ammunition, especially recommended and mentioned in dispatches; was present in medical charge at the bombardment and occupation of Gunjur in 1894; he was appointed D.S.O., and granted a medal with clasp.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: LAWRENCE BIDWELL, Fleet Surgeon, and HARRY M. LANGDALE, Surgeon, to the *Shannon*, on commissioning, March 10th; HORACE R. MARRIOTT, Fleet Surgeon, and WALTER T HAYDON, Surgeon, to the *Leviathan*, March 10th; WALTER G AXFORD, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Pembroke*, additional, for Queensferry Hospital, March 2nd (appointment to the *President* cancelled).

H J. EDWARDS, M D, civil practitioner, has been appointed Surgeon and Agent at Lynmouth, February 28th.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

CAPTAINS A. CHOPPING and H. G. S WEBB, who are serving in India, are appointed specialists in Electrical Science, with effect from January 1st, the former in the 1st (Peshawur) Division, the latter in the 3rd (Lahore) Division.

Major F. KIDDLE, M.B., serving in India, specialist in Ophthalmology, 5th (Mhow) Division, is transferred to the 9th (Secunderabad) Division in the same capacity.

Lieutenant-Colonel D. O'SULLIVAN, who is serving in India, is appointed Principal Medical Officer, Jubbulpore and Jhansi Brigades.

The undermentioned Lieutenants, whose first appointment dates from July 30th, 1904, are promoted to be Captains, dated January 30th, 1908: W. BYAM, C. RYLEY, P. DWYER, M B., P. C. T. DAVY, M B, J. F. C. MACKENZIE, M.B., H. T. WILSON, R. C. HALLOWES, M.B, J. H. CAMPBELL, M.B., G. A. D. HARVEY, H. C. WINCKWORTH, H. W. RUSSELL, M.D., E. J. H. LUXMOORE, H. C. SIDGWICK, M.B., M. SINCLAIR, M.B, G. R. PAINTON, N. LOW, A. N. FRASER, M.B., R. H. L. CORDNER, H. St. M. CARTER, M.D., A. T. FROST, M.B., K. A. C. DOIG. P. A. LLOYD JONES, M.B, H. O. M. BEADNELL, C. R. MILLAR, G. H. RICHARD, J. ST. A. MAUGHAN, L. V. THURSTON, A. W. GATER, J. P. LYNCH.

The undermentioned are appointed Lieutenants on probation, dated February 4th, 1908: JOHN JAMES, M. B., HAROLD HENRY BLAKE, M.B., ALFRED CHRISTOPHER HERMANN SUHR, M B., WILFRED J. DUNN, M.B., JOHN E. ELLCOME, BERNARD VARVILL, FRANK B. DALGLIESH, ALAN G. WELLS, GERALD J. KEANE, M.D., FREDRICK H. BRADLEY, M B., ROBERT M. DICKSON, M B., FRANK WORTHINGTON, CLAUDE M RIGBY, ALEXANDER L. STEVENSON, M B, MALCOLM LECKIE, SPENCER G. WALKER, M.B., CHARLES E. L HARDING, M.B, ARTHUR SHEPHERD, M.B., WILLIAM J. TOBIN, LEO MURPHY, ARTHUR H. T. DAVIS, WALTER H. S. BURNEY, ARTHUR L. FOSTER, JOSEPH W. HOUSTON, M.B., THOMAS S. EVES, M.B, ROBERT O'KELLY, FALKINER M. HEWSON, CAMPBELL MCQUEEN, ALEXANDER E. G. FRASER, JOHN S. MCCOMBIE, M.B.

Lieutenant S. G. WALKER, M.B., is seconded under the provisions of Article 300, Royal Warrant, dated February 4th, 1908.

ARMY MEDICAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

SURGEON-CAPTAIN DAVID SMART, M.B., to be Surgeon-Major, February 19th.

The undermentioned, having relinquished their commissions in the Auxiliary Forces, will cease to belong to the Army Medical Reserve of Officers: Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonels WALTER D. AUBIN, M.B., FRANCIS L. STEPHENSON, M.B, WILLIAM C. COWAN; Surgeon-Major JOHN W. MOIR, M.D.; Surgeon-Captains ARTHUR Y. PRINGLE, LEONARD L. HANHAM, SAMUEL M SLOAN, M.D.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following Captains are promoted to be Majors from January 29th: H. AINSWORTH, M.B., F. A. SMITH, M.B., J. W. CORNWALL, M.D., A. MILLER, M.B., F. A L. HAMMOND, S. P. JAMES, M.D., P. DEE, M.B., R. P. WILSON, C. D. DAWES, C. B. HARRISON, M.B., N. P. O'G. LALOR, M.B., T. H. SYMONS, E. R. ROST. The previous commissions of Majors Ainsworth, Smith, Cornwall, Miller, Hammond, James, and Dee are dated: Surgeon-Lieutenants, July 29th, 1896; Captains, July 29th, 1899. Those of Majors Wilson, Daws, Harrison, Lalor, Symons, and Rost are: Surgeon-Lieutenants, January 29th, 1896; Captains, January 29th, 1899. The following have war records in the Army Lists: Major Ainsworth, North-West Frontier of India campaign, 1897 8, with the Tirah Expeditionary Force, including the actions of Chagru Kotal and Dargai, the capture of the Sampagha and Arhanga Passes, and operations in and around Divatoi and in the Bara Valley (medal with two clasps). Major Miller—North West Frontier of India Campaign, 1897-8, with the Malakand Force, including operations in Bajaur and the Mamund country, Utman Khel, Buner, and the capture of the Tanga Pass (medal with clasp); China war, 1900 (medal with clasp). Majors Hammond and James, China war, 1900 (medal). Major Dawes North West Frontier of India Campaign, 1897-8, with the Mohmand force (medal with clasp) and with the Tirah Expeditionary Force (clasp): China war, 1900 (medal). Major Harrison—North West Frontier of India Campaign, 1897-8, with the Malakand Force (medal with clasp), and with the Tirah Expeditionary Force, including the capture of the Sampagha and Arhanga Passes (clasp) Major Lalor—North West Frontier of India Campaign in 1897-8, with the Mohmand Force (medal with clasp); China war, 1900 (medal).

Colonel P. H BENSON, M.B., has been appointed to officiate as Principal Medical Officer, Secunderabad Division, from February 1st, vice Colonel T. J. H. WILKINS, proceeding on leave.

The undermentioned Lieutenants, who were appointed such February 1st, 1905, are promoted to be Captains, February 1st: A F. HAMILTON, M B, A. D. WHITE, M.B, M. F. REANEY, M.B., R. K. WHITE N. M. WILSON, J. S. O'NEILL, M.B., M. R. C. MACWATTERS, M.B., W. H. BOALTH, G. A SOLTAU, J. CUNNINGHAM, M.B., H FALK, M.B., C. J. COPPINGER, M.B.

Surgeon-General W. R. BROWNE, C I E, M.D., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, retires from the service, from April 1st. He entered as Assistant-Surgeon, April 1st, 1873, and became Surgeon-General, October 11th, 1904 His war experience appears to have been confined to the Rumpa rebellion in 1879-80

Lieutenant-Colonel J R. GIBBONS also retires, from February 17th. He joined the Bengal Medical Department as Surgeon, October 1st, 1881, and was made Lieutenant-Colonel, October 1st, 1901. He has no war record in the Army Lists.

The retirement from the service is also announced of Lieutenant-Colonel W. F. THOMAS, M.D., Madras. He was appointed Assistant-Surgeon, March 31st, 1879, and became Lieutenant-Colonel, March 31st, 1899 He served in the Rumpa rebellion in 1879-80, and with the Burmese expedition in 1886-8, for which latter he received a medal with two clasps.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. WYVILLE THOMSON, M.B., Bengal, likewise retires, from February 28th. He entered the department as Surgeon, September 30th, 1886, and was promoted to be Major, September 30th, 1898. According to *Hart's Army List*, he served with the Waziristan expedition in 1894-5, receiving a medal with clasp; in the China war in 1900, including the relief of Peking (medal with clasp); and again in Waziristan in 1901-2 (medal with clasp).

Colonel W. G. H. HENDERSON, Bombay Establishment, is appointed Principal Medical Officer, 5th (Mhow) Division.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (VOLUNTEERS).

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL J. S. RIDDELL, M.V.O., M B, Aberdeen Companies, has been appointed Principal Medical Officer of the Highland Division of the Territorial Force; and Colonel Sir G. T. BEATSON, K.C.B., M.D., V.D., Glasgow Companies, Principal Medical Officer of the Lowland Division.

ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY (VOLUNTEERS).

HUGH RICHARDSON, M.D. (formerly Lieutenant, R.A M C.), to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 1st Fifeshire Regiment, December 12th, 1907.

Surgeon-Lieutenant G. G. WILSON, 2nd Kent Regiment, resigns his commission, January 28th.

VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT C. P. ALLEN, 1st Volunteer Battalion the Dorsetshire Regiment, resigns his commission, January 18th.

WILLIAM D. STURROCK, M.B, to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 1st (Oxford University) Volunteer Battalion the Oxfordshire Light Infantry, February 1st.

VOLUNTEER OFFICERS' DECORATION.

THE Volunteers Officers' Decoration has been conferred upon the following officers: Surgeon-Captain H T. HALLIS, 4th Volunteer Battalion the Essex Regiment (Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, Senior Medical Officer Essex Volunteer Infantry Brigade); Lieutenant-Colonel DE B. BIRCH, M.D., Leeds Companies, Northern Command, R.A.M C. (Volunteers); Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. W. MOIR, M.D. (retired), 1st Fifeshire Regiment, Royal Garrison Artillery (Volunteers); Surgeon-Major C N. LEE M B, 6th (Fifeshire) Volunteer Battalion the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders); Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. HARPER, 1st Volunteer Battalion the Prince Albert's (Somersetshire Light Infantry), Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, Senior Medical Officer Cornwall and Somerset Volunteer Infantry Brigade; Major C. DOWNING, Welsh Bearer Company, R.A.M.C. (Volunteers).

Vital Statistics.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 8,157 births and 5.374 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, February 29th The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 18 3, 18 6, and 18.4 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, further declined to 17.3 per 1.000 last week. The rates in the several towns ranged from 9 2 in Northampton, 9 6 in Hornsey, 9.8 in Stockton-on-Tees, 10 7 in Tottenham, and 11.1 in Aston Manor, to 23 5 in Great Yarmouth. 23 8 in Sunderland, 24.2 in Blackburn, 25.1 in Newport (Mon), 26 7 in Oldham, and 27 3 in Brighton In London the rate of mortality was 16 8 per 1,000, while it averaged 17.5 in the seventy five other large towns. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1 2 per 1,000 in the seventy-six towns; in London the rate from these diseases was equal to 0.9, while among the seventy-five other towns they caused rates ranging upwards to 2 7 in South Shields, 2.9 in Burton-on-Trent, in Warrington, in Oldham, and in Stockton-on-Tees, 3.2 in Devonport, 3.3 in Sunderland, 4.7 in Newport (Mon.), and 5 1 in Reading Measles caused a death-rate of 1.2 in Manchester, 1 3 in Birkenhead, 1 6 in Rhondda, 1 8 in South Shields, 1 9 in Reading, and 2.9 in Stockton-on-Tees; scarlet fever of 1.2 in Leyton and 1 3 in King's Norton; diphtheria of 1 2 in Gateshead, 1 3 in Norwich, and 1 5 in West Bromwich; whooping-cough of 1.2 in Birmingham, 1.3 in Birkenhead, 1.4 in Bolton and in Sheffield, 1.9 in Reading, 2.2 in Warrington, 2 3 in Sunderland, 2.6 in Devonport, and 4.1 in Newport (Mon.); and diarrhoea of 1.7 in Barrow-in-Furness. The mortality from enteric fever showed no marked excess in any of the large towns, and no fatal case of small-pox was registered during the week. The number of scarlet-fever patients remaining under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and the London Fever Hospital, which had been 3,837, 3,806, and 3,733 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had further declined to 3,674 at the end of last week; 383 new cases were admitted during the week, against 433, 473, and 420 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTTISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday last, February 29th, 931 births and 677 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scottish towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 23 5, 21 4, and 21.8 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, declined again to 19.2 per 1,000 in the week under notice, but was 1 9 per 1 000 above the mean rate last week in the seventy-six large English towns. Among these Scottish towns the death-rates ranged from 14.6 in Aberdeen and 16 6 in Leith to 22 5 in Greenock and 27 2 in Dundee. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 2.8 per 1,000 in these

towns, the highest rates being recorded in Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Greenock. The 314 deaths registered in Glasgow included 36 which were referred to measles, 3 to scarlet fever, 5 to diphtheria, 8 to whooping-cough, 4 to "fever," 7 to cerebro-spinal meningitis, and 6 to diarrhoea. Three fatal cases of whooping-cough were recorded in Edinburgh; 4 of diarrhoea in Dundee; 2 of measles, 2 of diphtheria, 4 of whooping-cough, and 2 of diarrhoea in Aberdeen; and 2 of measles and 1 of cerebro-spinal meningitis in Paisley.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS

DURING the week ending Saturday, February 22nd, 489 births and 490 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns, as against 573 births and 461 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 22.8, 23.1, and 20.3 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose to 23.5 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 5.1 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate for the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 12.2 in Londonderry and 25.5 in Dublin to 27.3 in Waterford and 30.7 in Belfast. The zymotic death-rate in the same six Irish towns averaged 0.9 per 1,000, or 0.3 per 1,000 less than during the preceding period, the highest figures - 1.2 and 3.5—being recorded in Londonderry and Belfast, while Cork, Limerick, and Waterford registered no deaths under this heading; measles and whooping-cough continue to be the principal causes of death in this class of disease.

Vacancies and Appointments.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

VACANCIES.

BEDFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £60 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND HOSPITAL FOR SKIN AND URINARY DISEASE.—Clinical Assistant. Honorarium at the rate of 52 guineas per annum.

BRADFORD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Salary, £100 per annum.

BRECKNOCK COUNTY AND BOROUGH INFIRMARY.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

BRIGHTON: SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Assistant Pathologist. Salary, £80 per annum.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—School Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum, increasing to £300.

BUCKS COUNTY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Medical Officer. Salary, £300 per annum.

BUCKS COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Stone, near Aylesbury.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

CARDIFF INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Honorarium, £30 for six months.

CARLISLE: CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY.—Resident Medical Officer (male) to act as House-Physician and House-Surgeon for six months each. Salary at the rate of £80 and £100 per annum respectively.

CHORLEY: RAWCLIFFE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £90 per annum first six months and £100 per annum after.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, N.E.—Physician to Out-patients.

CITY OF LONDON LYING-IN HOSPITAL, City Road, E.C.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum.

DERBYSHIRE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Two Assistant County Medical Officers. Salary, £300, rising to £400, and £250, rising to £300 per annum respectively.

GLAMORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL.—Three Medical Officers for the Medical Inspection of School Children (two males and one female). Salary for males £300 per annum, and for the female £250.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £700 net.

LEAMINGTON: WARNEFORD, LEAMINGTON, AND SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £100 per annum.

LEYTON, WALTHAMSTOW, AND WANSTEAD CHILDREN'S AND GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

LIVERPOOL INFIRMARY FOR CHILDREN.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £30 for six months.

LONDON FEVER HOSPITAL, Liverpool Road, N.—Assistant to the Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum.

LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL, Hampstead Road, N.W.—(1) Assistant Resident Medical Officer. (2) Assistant House-Surgeon. Honorarium at the rate of 50 guineas and £75 per annum respectively.

LOWESTOFT HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

MERTHYR TYDFIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Medical Inspector. Salary, £200 per annum, increasing to £300.

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, Kingsland Road, N.E.—(1) House-Physician (2) House-Surgeon. (3) Assistant House-Physician. (4) Assistant House-Surgeon. (5) Resident Anaesthetist. (6) Pathologist. Salary for (1) and (2) at the rate of £40, for (3) and (4) £20, for (5) £80, and (6) £100 per annum.

NORFOLK COUNTY ASYLUM, Thorpe.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary, £150 per annum.

NORWICH CITY AND COUNTY.—School Medical Officer and Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £250 per annum, rising to £300.

ONGAR UNION.—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for No. 1 District. Salary, £105 per annum and fees.

PLYMOUTH: SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL.—House Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

ROCHESTER: ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £110 per annum.

ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

ROYAL NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, Great Portland Street, W.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £250 per annum.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Paddington.—Demonstrator of Physiology. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Surgeon; (2) Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £60 and £50 per annum respectively.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—(1) Two House-Physicians; (2) Three House-Surgeons.

WESTMINSTER GENERAL DISPENSARY, Gerrard Street, Soho, W.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

WORCESTER COUNTY COUNCIL.—Assistant Bacteriologist. Salary, £160 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces vacancies at Stoneyford and Ballistioge, co. Kilkenny; Elmley, co. Kent; Bridlington, co. York; and Shoreham, co. Sussex.

APPOINTMENTS.

AUSTIN, J. S., M.B., B.S., Second Resident Assistant Medical Officer, St. George's Union Infirmary.

BARWICK, R. L., Second Resident Assistant Medical Officer, Islington Parish Infirmary.

BERKELEY, Comyns, B.A., M.B., Physician to In-patients, City of London Lying-in Hospital, E.C.

BREAKELL, Frederick Jas., L.R.C.P.Edin., L.R.C.S.Edin., L.F.P.S. Glasg., Second Assistant Medical Officer to the Suffolk District Asylum.

BRISCOE, J. Charlton, M.D.Lond., M.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Physician to King's College Hospital.

DAW, S. W., M.B., B.S.Lond., Resident Assistant Medical Officer of the Bermondsey Parish Infirmary.

EDWARDS, W. Lloyd, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H., Medical Inspector of Schools, Barry Education Authority.

ELDER, G. T. D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Surgeon to the Mansfield and District Hospital.

FARRIS, John Stothart, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Ed., etc., Medical Superintendent of the Sandwell Hall Asylum for the Feeble-minded, Hanosworth, Staffs.

JOHNSON, Thos., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Inspector to the Coseley Education Authorities.

MCVITTIE, John, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Parish of Dailby, Ayrshire.

MANSON, R. H., M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., District Medical Officer of the St. Austell Union.

OBERDOFER, Miss A., M.B., Ch.B.Vict., Assistant Medical Officer of Health to the Borough of Eastbourne.

OWEN, L. Rhys, M.B., B.Ch., Medical Officer in Charge of Electric Department, Cardiff Infirmary.

PHILLIPS, J. G., M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Physician to Bethlem and Bridewell Royal Hospitals, and Assistant Medical Officer to King Edward Schools, London and Witley.

PRIESTLEY, John, M.R.C.S., Medical Inspector of Schools, Staffordshire Education Committee.

ROBERTSON, George M., M.B., C.M.Edin., Physician-Superintendent, Morningside Asylum, Edinburgh, vice T. S. Clouston, M.D., F.R.C.P.Edin.

RUSHTON, C. C., M.B., B.S.Lond., Medical Officer of Health, Macclesfield Rural District.

THOMSON, G. Ritchie, M.B., C.M., F.R.S.Edin., Honorary Surgeon, Johannesburg Hospital, vice Sir Kendal Franks, C.B., appointed Consulting Surgeon.

WATKINS, J. G., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., District Medical Officer of the Taunton Union.

WELLS, A. E., M.D.Lond., District Medical Officer of the Cuckfield Union.

WHITE, Clifford, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.P.Lond., Surgical Registrar to the Samaritan Hospital for Women.

WILKINSON, S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., District Medical Officer of the Birkenhead Union.

WILLIAMS, L. H., M.D.Durh., M.R.C.S., District and Workhouse Medical Officer of the Thornbury Union.

WILLIAMSON, Herbert, M.A., M.B., etc., Physician to In-patients, City of London Lying in Hospital, E.C.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL—The following House Officers have been appointed:

Casualty Officers and Resident Anaesthetists: R. G. Bingham, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; A. S. Burgess, M.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; G. M. Huggins, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; A. L. Loughborough, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; F. M. Neild, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; J. F. Windsor, B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Resident House-Physicians: S. Churchill, M.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; B. T. Parsons-Smith, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; A. J. S. Pinchin, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; W. H. R. Sutton, B.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; H. B. Weir, B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

House-Physicians to Out-patients: W. A. M. Jack, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; N. W. Jenkin, B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; E. E. T. Nuthall, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; R. W. Rix, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Resident House-Surgeons: H. H. Carleton, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon., R. E. Todd, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; W. R. Bristow, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; H. E. T. Dawes, B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

House-Surgeons to Out-patients: J. A. Clark, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; G. R. Girdlestone, B.A.Oxon, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; J. L. Graham-Jones, B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; H. T. Rossiter, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Obstetric House-Physicians: (Senior) T. G. Starkey-Smith, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; (Junior) H. J. Nightingale, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Ophthalmic House-Surgeon: A. I. Cooke, B.A., B.C.Cantab.

Clinical Assistants: (Eye) F. N. Wheeler, B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; (Skin) H. B. Billups, M.A., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; (Children's Medical) E. M. Parsons-Smith, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Other gentlemen received extension of their appointments.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post-office orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS

LE FLEMING.—On February 26th, at Wimborne, to Dr. and Mrs. E. K. Le Fleming, a son.

SHAW. On Feb. 28th, at 41, King Street, Great Yarmouth, the wife of Raymond Henry Shaw, M.S., M.B., of a son.

STRATFORD.—On February 20th, at 210, Worple Road, Wimbledon, the wife of Howard M. Stratford, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of a son.

DEATHS.

AYRE.—On February 29th, after influenza, John Joseph Ayre, M.R.C.S., of Colne, Lancashire, in his 97th year.

BISS.—On February 27th, at Hampstead, Janet, wife of Cecil Yates Biss, M.D., F.R.C.P., aged 57.

WATTS.—On March 1st suddenly of pneumonia at Heaton House, Handforth, Cheshire, Isaac Watts, L.S.A., Medical Officer of Health, Handforth, aged 35, third son of the late J. T. Watts, J.P., of Hyde, Cheshire.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Discussion on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Fractures of the Long Bones, to be introduced by Mr. A. Pearce Gould.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 5 p.m.—Hunterian Lecture by Professor Ralph Thompson: The Anatomy of the Long Bones relative to certain Fractures.

TUESDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:

SURGICAL SECTION, 20, Hanover Square, W., 5.30 p.m.—Mr. A. E. Barker: The Use of Lumbar Puncture in the Treatment of Otitic Meningitis.

CHELSEA CLINICAL SOCIETY, Chelsea Dispensary, Manor Street, Chelsea, S.W., 8.30 p.m.—Annual Clinical Debate on Gonorrhoea in the Male, with Special Reference to Treatment, to be opened by Messrs. J. G. Pardoe and Astlett Baldwin.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W., 5 p.m.—Second Milroy Lecture by Dr. J. W. H. Eyre: Melitensis Septicaemia.

WEDNESDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 5 p.m.—Hunterian Lecture by Professor Ralph Thompson: The Anatomy of the Long Bones relative to certain Fractures.

THURSDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:

NEUROLOGICAL SECTION, 20, Hanover Square, W., 5 p.m.—Clinical Meeting. Cases will be shown by Drs. Harris, Weber, E. Jones, P. Stuart, Collier, etc.

OBSTETRICAL AND GYNAECOLOGICAL SECTION, 20, Hanover Square, W., 7.45 p.m.—Exhibition of Specimens and Cases. Papers:—Dr. Andrews and Dr. Maxwell: A Case of Difficult Labour, with remarks on the Frozen Sections of the Uterus. Dr. W. C. Swayne: Myomectomy during Pregnancy. Dr. J. H. Dauber: Large Retroperitoneal and Subligamental Fibroid complicating Pregnancy.

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 8 p.m.—Card Cases, etc. 8.30 p.m. Papers:—Mr. Paton: Optic Neuritis in Cerebral Tumours (adjourned discussion). Dr. Thomson Henderson: Lantern Demonstration of the Venous Connexions of Schlemm's Canal. Dr. Freeland Fergus: Ptosis Operations. Mr. H. H. B. Cunningham: A Case of Microphthalmia.

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UNITED SERVICES MEDICAL SOCIETY, Royal Army Medical College, Millbank, S.W., 8.30 p.m.—Fleet Surgeon E. B. Pickthorn, R.N.: Hospital Ships.

FRIDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:

CLINICAL SECTION, 20, Hanover Square, W., 10 a.m.—Papers:—Mr. T. H. Kellock: A Case of Hermaphroditism, in which the Uterus occupied the Sac of an Inguinal Hernia. Dr. F. Parkes Weber: A Case of Angina Pectoris with Aortitis. Dr. S. W. Carruthers: A Case of Purpura Haemorrhagica with Fatal Result from Cerebral Haemorrhage. Dr. J. Porter Parkinson and Mr. J. Stroud Hosford: A Case of Cerebellar Tumour with Proptosis.

INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH, 1, Upper Montague Street, Russell Square, W.C., 7.30 p.m.—Paper by Dr. E. W. Hope, M.O.H., Liverpool: The Results of the Methods adopted in Liverpool in the direction of Removing Insanitary Property and Providing Dwellings for the Dispossessed.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, 5 p.m.—Hunterian Lecture by Professor W. Sampson Handley: The Natural Cure of Cancer.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL, W.C.—Thursday, 3 p.m., Alopecia and Diseases of the Hair; 4 p.m., Medical Cases.

GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.—Demonstrations, 2.30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; Clinical Lecture, Friday, 3.30 p.m., A Few Points in Preventive Dentistry and the Care of the Teeth.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.—Wednesday, 4 p.m., Demonstration of Cases from the Throat Department.

HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN, Blackfriars, S.E.—Tuesday, 4 p.m., Syphilis; Friday, 4 p.m., Tubercle.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Thursday, 4 p.m., Fractures in Children.

LONDON SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE.—Daily arrangements: Out-patient Demonstration, 10 a.m.; Medical and Surgical Clinics, 2.15 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. respectively; Operations, 2.30 p.m. Special Clinics: Ear and Throat, at noon and 4 p.m. Monday, and noon Thursday; Skin, at noon and 4 p.m. Tuesday, and noon Friday; Eye, 11 a.m. Wednesday and Saturday; Radiography, 4 p.m. Thursday. Special Lectures:—Monday, 3.15 p.m., Alveolar Abscess; Wednesday, 3.30, Paralytic Squint.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day: Monday, Skin; Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Eye. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follows: Monday, Contusions of the Eyeball; Tuesday, Some Modern Methods of Infant Feeding; Wednesday, Surgical Diseases of Children; Thursday, Functional Disease and its Treatment.

MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION, Hampstead Road, N.W.—Thursday, 5 p.m., Demonstration: Case of Laryngeal Disease.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Tuesday, 3.30 p.m., Subacute Combined Degeneration of Spinal Cord; Friday, 3.30 p.m., Ocular Paralysis.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—The following are the Clinics, Demonstrations, etc., for next week: Monday, 10 a.m., Surgical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient, Throat, Nose, and Ear, *X* Ray; 4.30 p.m., Medical In-patient. Tuesday, 10.30 a.m., Medical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Surgical Operations, Surgical Out-patient, Gynaecological. Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient, Skin, Eye. Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Gynaecological Operations, Medical and Surgical Out-patient, *X* Ray; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient; 4.30 p.m., Lecture, Angioneurotic Oedema as a Familiar Cause of Sudden Death. Friday, 10 a.m., Surgical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Surgical Operations, Medical Out-patient, Eye; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, W.—The following are the arrangements for next week: Daily, 2 p.m., Medical and Surgical Clinics; *X* Rays; 2.30 p.m., Operations. Monday and Thursday, and Wednesday and Saturday, 2 p.m., Diseases of the Eye. Tuesday and Friday, 2 p.m. (also Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m.), Diseases of Throat, Nose, and Ear; Tuesday and Friday, 2.30 p.m., Diseases of the Skin. Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m., Diseases of Children. Lectures: At 12 noon, Monday, Pathological; Tuesday and Thursday, Practical Medicine; at 5 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, Clinical; Tuesday, On the Vaccination Treatment of Infective Diseases; Thursday, Practical Surgery; Friday, Anaesthetics.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

London: H. Frowde (Oxford University Press). The World's Classics. 1s.:

CXIII and CXIV. The Works of the Rt. Hon. Edmund Burke. Vols. v and vi.

CXXIX. Emma. By Jane Austen.

CXXXVII. The Poetical Works of Robert Browning. Vol. ii.

CXXXVIII. William Cowper's Letters. Edited by E. V. Lucas.

CXLIX. The Discourses of Sir Joshua Reynolds; to which are added his Letters to "The Idler."

Die Pathologie der Nebennieren und der Morbus Addisonii. Von Dr. A. Bittorf. Jena: G. Fischer. 1908. M. 4.

Bibliothek v. Coler. Herausgegeben von O. Schjerning. Band 25. Der Gang des Menschen und die Fussgeschwulst. Von Dr. Momburg. Berlin: A. Hirschwald. 1908. Mk. 5.

Optimism: A Real Remedy. By H. Fletcher. London: B. F. Stevens and Brown. 1908. 2s. 6d.

Looking Back. 1907-1860. Second edition. January, 1908.

London: A. Constable and Co., Ltd. 1907. 5s.:

Dairy Laboratory Guide. By C. W. Melick, B.S.A., M.S.

Detection of the Common Food Adulterants. By E. M. Bruce.

Die Fehlergrösse bei den Histologischen Methoden. Von Priv. Dr. med. W. Berg. Berlin: A. Hirschwald. 1908. M. 1.20.

Protozoa and Disease, comprising Sections on the Causation of Small-pox, Syphilis, and Cancer. By J. J. Clarke. Part I. London: Baillière, Tindall, and Cox. 1908. 7s. 6d.

CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
MARCH.	
8 Sunday ...	
9 MONDAY ...	
10 TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Organization Committee, 11 a.m. BRADFORD DIVISION, *Yorkshire Branch*, General Meeting, Great Northern Victoria Hotel, Bradford. CITY AND WALTHAMSTOW DIVISIONS, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Conjoint Meeting, Walthamstow Hospital, 4 p.m. NORTH CARNARVONSHIRE AND ANGLESEY DIVISION, *North Wales Branch*, British Hotel, Bangor, 2.45 p.m.
11 WEDNESDAY	RICHMOND DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Sun Hotel, Kingston, 8.30 p.m.
12 THURSDAY...	LONDON: Metropolitan Counties Branch Council, 5 p.m. HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*. SCOTTISH DIVISION, *Border Counties Branch*, Board Room, Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, 3 p.m.
13 FRIDAY ...	HAMPSHIRE DIVISIONS, *Southern Branch*, Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital, 4 p.m.
14 SATURDAY...	
15 Sunday ...	
16 MONDAY ...	
17 TUESDAY ...	
18 WEDNESDAY	CARDIFF DIVISION, *South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch*, Cardiff. LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH Scientific and Clinical Meeting, University of Liverpool. YORKSHIRE BRANCH, General Infirmary, Leeds, 4.15 p.m.
MARCH *(Continued)*.	
19 THURSDAY...	LEIGH DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch* Co-operative Rooms, Ellesmere Street, 8 30 p m. WESTMINSTER DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, St. James's Vestry Hall (first floor), Piccadilly, 5 p.m.
20 FRIDAY ...	
21 SATURDAY...	
22 Sunday ...	
23 MONDAY ...	
24 TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Standing Ethical Subcommittee, 2 p m
25 WEDNESDAY	BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH, Bristol. CANTERBURY AND FAVERSHAM DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Town Hall, Sittingbourne, 3 p.m.
26 THURSDAY...	LAMBETH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Evelina Hospital for Sick Children, Southwark Bridge Road, S E., 4 p.m.
27 FRIDAY ...	ENGLISH DIVISION, *Border Counties Branch*, County Hotel, Carlisle.
28 SATURDAY...	
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